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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to modify requirements for local school wellness policies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. MANNING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to modify requirements for local school wellness policies.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Mental
5 Health and Wellness in Schools Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOCAL SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY.**

7 Section 9A of the Richard B. Russell National School
8 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758b) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “mental
2 health promotion and education,” after “phys-
3 ical activity,”;

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “obe-
5 sity;” and inserting “obesity and eating dis-
6 orders;”;

7 (C) in paragraph (3)—

8 (i) by striking “agency permit” and
9 inserting the following: “agency—
10 “(A) permit”;

11 (ii) in subparagraph (A) (as so des-
12 ignated)—

13 (I) by inserting “registered dieti-
14 tians, school-based mental health serv-
15 ices providers,” after “school adminis-
16 trators,”; and

17 (II) by adding “and” after the
18 semicolon at the end; and

19 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(B) establish a multidisciplinary team of
22 school personnel to lead the development, imple-
23 mentation, and periodic review and updating of
24 the local school wellness policy;” and

1 (D) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “1”
2 and inserting “2”; and
3 (2) in subsection (d)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)—

5 (i) by inserting “in consultation with
6 the Administrator of the Substance Abuse
7 and Mental Health Services Administra-
8 tion,” after “Prevention,”; and

9 (ii) by inserting “school-based mental
10 health services providers (when available),”
11 after “school food authorities,”;

12 (B) in paragraph (2)(C)—

13 (i) by striking “required to promote”
14 and inserting the following: “required—

15 “(i) to promote”; and

16 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(ii) to promote mental health, en-
19 courage mental health assessments, and es-
20 tablish resilient school environments; and”;
21 and

22 (C) in paragraph (3)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
24 “Prevention,” and inserting “Prevention
25 and the Administrator of the Substance

- 1 Abuse and Mental Health Services Admin-
- 2 istration,”;
- 3 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
- 4 “2014,” and inserting “2026,”; and
- 5 (iii) by striking subparagraph (D).